

16 April 1951

Memorandum to: Branch Chiefs and ALL Personnel of Analysis Branch, D/G  
 From: Chief, D/G  
 Subject: Reorganization of the Division

1. Effective 16 April 1951, the primary components of the Geographic Division are Headquarters, Analysis Branch, Cartography Branch and the Map Library Branch.

2. The Analysis Branch will function in much the same organizational manner as the former Map Intelligence Branch which preceded the reorganization announced in a memorandum of 17 January 1951, Subject: Present organization of the Office of Research and Reports and the Geographic Division. Chiefs and Acting Chiefs of the components of the Analysis Branch are:

Branch Chief	[REDACTED]	25X1A9a
Editorial Staff	[REDACTED] Chief	25X1A9a
Territorial Studies Section	[REDACTED] Chief	
Southeast Europe Section	[REDACTED] Chief	
Near East/Africa Section	[REDACTED] Chief	25X1A9a
U.S.S.R. Section	[REDACTED] Chief	25X1A9a
Western Europe Section	[REDACTED], Acting Chief	25X1A9a
Far East/Pacific Section	[REDACTED] Acting Chief	25X1A9a
Western Hemisphere Section	[REDACTED] Acting Chief	

25X1A9a There are no organizational changes in the Cartography Branch or the Map Library Branch other than the addition of the Graphics Section [REDACTED] Chief) to the Cartography Branch effective 27 Feb. 1951.

3. The decision to establish the Analysis Branch was based on a review of the results of operations over the past 2½ months. The SovOrb, NonSov and Territorial Studies Branches are dissolved strictly for organizational and operational reasons, and this action is in no way a reflection on the performance of the three acting Chiefs of those Branches during that period.

4. The creation

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4. The creation of three Branches on 17 January 1951, in lieu of the former Map Intelligence Branch, in part was for the purpose of establishing research components in D/G identical in regional scope to those planned for other Divisions of O/RR. This organizational pattern was discarded in the final reorganization of other parts of O/RR. The intent to maintain unified direction for continuing the function of map and geographic intelligence research in D/G by assignment of the responsibility to the acting Deputy Chief of the Division resulted in some confusion and unintended duplication of guidance for the acting Chiefs of the Branches involved. A unified program and approach for the performance of this function is essential. The trial period for the past 2½ months has not proven to my satisfaction that a three-Branch organization is required in order to improve operating efficiency for performing map and geographic intelligence research in D/G. Centralized administration will permit more effective use of the experience, research abilities and area competencies of those who were acting as Branch Chiefs and whose efforts were being increasingly diverted away from individual research work.

5. It is my sincere conviction that this reorganization will strengthen the capabilities of the Division to meet the commitments for map intelligence coordination and research and geographic support to those other components of the Agency that are making increasing demands upon D/G. It is my desire that the policies and procedures applied in performing this function be formulated with as complete recognition of the working-level problems and capabilities as is possible. By pulling together over the years, those of you conducting intelligence research in D/G have built up a solid reputation for quality of product. I am sure that there will be mutual and full cooperation in maintaining this record for the Analysis Branch and for D/G.

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